

## MINUTES

North Dakota State Water Commission  
Valley City, North Dakota

May 28, 1986

The North Dakota State Water Commission held a meeting on May 28, 1986, in the Eagles Lodge at Valley City, North Dakota. Governor-Chairman, George A. Sinner, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., and requested State Engineer and Secretary, Vernon Fahy, to present the agenda.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Governor George A. Sinner, Chairman  
Richard Backes, Member from Glenburn  
Joyce Byerly, Member from Watford City  
Jacob Gust, Member from West Fargo  
William Guy, Member from Bismarck  
Ray Hutton, Member from Oslo, Minnesota  
William Lardy, Member from Dickinson  
Jerome Spaeth, Member from Bismarck  
Vernon Fahy, State Engineer and Secretary, North Dakota  
State Water Commission, Bismarck

MEMBER ABSENT:

Kent Jones, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Bismarck

OTHERS PRESENT:

State Water Commission Staff Members  
Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District Staff Members  
Approximately 125 persons interested in agenda items

The attendance register is on file in the State Water Commission offices (filed with official copy of minutes).

The meeting was recorded to assist in compilation of the minutes.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES  
OF APRIL 17, 1986 MEETING -  
APPROVED

The minutes of the April 17, 1986 meeting were approved by the following motion:

It was moved by Commissioner Lardy, seconded by Commissioner Byerly, and unanimously carried, that the minutes of April 17, 1986 be approved as circulated.

STATUS REPORT ON  
SOUTHWEST PIPELINE  
PROJECT  
(SWC Project No. 1736)

Secretary Fahy presented an updated report on the Southwest Pipeline Project. Kemper Construction from Minot had many rain delays and has completed 6200 feet of pipeline.

Wanzek Construction from Fargo has just started on the pipeline reach nearest to the pumping station.

Governor Sinner reviewed the current status of the Resources Trust Fund, which is the major source of pipeline financing.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS PLANS  
FOR FLOOD CONTROL AND DAM  
SAFETY MEASURES SCHEDULED  
FOR BALDHILL DAM  
(SWC Project No. 1344)

Governor-Chairman Sinner opened discussion regarding dam safety measures for Baldhill Dam and proposed flood control measures for Valley City by including a five-foot increase in the maximum reservoir pool level with the dam

safety construction. A presentation was made by representatives of the Corps of Engineers regarding proposals, alternatives, flood protection, benefits and costs. Representing the Corps of Engineers were: Robert Post, Robert Penniman and Mark Ziemer.

Also discussed was a proposal by the Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water Resource District to construct a flood storage works on Baldhill Creek, tributary to the main reservoir.

The following persons testified against the raising of Baldhill Dam:

Jim Wold	Association for Preservation of Sheyenne River Valley
Dan Wogsland	State Senator, District 23
Bruce Laughlin	State Representative, District 23
Orville Tranby	Vice Chairman, Griggs County Commission
Kermit Veland	Dakota Rural Water Users
Jim Marsden	North Dakota Farm Bureau
Keith Anderson	Superintendent, Cooperstown Bible Camp
George Freadhoff	Lake Ashtabula Landowners & Users Association
Keith Monson	Upper Sheyenne River Joint Water Res. District
Robert Baker	Mayor, City of Cooperstown

Written testimony was filed by the following:

Arvid Hedstrom	State Representative, District 23 (Letter from U.S. Senator, Quentin Burdick)
Don Vigesaa	President, Cooperstown Commercial Club
Allen Stokka	President, Griggs County Farm Bureau
Kermit Veland	Dakota Rural Water Users (Impact statement and recommendations by KBM, Inc., who is the engineering consultant for Dakota Water Users)

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Appearing at the request of the Upper Sheyenne River Water Resource District was Jeff Volk, Moore Engineering. His testimony related to initial investigations of the proposed Baldhill Creek Dam.

The following persons testified for the raising of Baldhill Dam:

Dale Olson	Mayor, City of Valley City
George Gaukler	Pres., Valley City Development Corporation
Harlan Opdahl	Chairman, Barnes County Commission
Morris Peterson	Chairman, Barnes County Water Resource District

Petitions were filed by the Association for Preservation of the Sheyenne River Valley, numbering 1,115 signatures, opposed to the raising of Baldhill Dam. The address of almost all of the signers appears to be in an area near or adjacent to the Sheyenne River Valley along the reach from Cooperstown and Valley City.

STATE WATER COMMISSION  
MEETING SCHEDULED FOR  
JUNE 18, 1986 IN LARIMORE

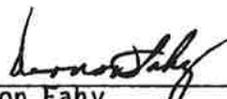
Secretary Fahy announced the date of the next State Water Commission meeting to be June 18, 1986 at Larimore, ND, and discussed travel arrangements for Commission members.

It was moved by Commissioner Spaeth, seconded by Commissioner Lardy, and unanimously carried, that the meeting adjourn at 4:30 p.m.



George A. Sinner  
Governor-Chairman

ATTEST:



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Vernon Fahy  
State Engineer and Secretary

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